GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received suggestions to review foreign policy pertaining to Pakistan`s involvement in cross-border terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take action on these suggestions especially in the context of Military Regime in Pakistan not recognised by the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)-(d) The international community accepts India`s sovereign right to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country, and to protect the lives of its citizens. Pakistan`s support to cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India, and the adverse impact this has on the security of the country and the region, has also been widely acknowledged by the international community.

India has time and again proved, beyond a shadow of doubt, that it has both the resolve and capability to defeat any attempt to transgress its security or challenge its national unity and integrity.